

GET THE MEANING READING: MAIN POINTS

Students practice reading, finding the main point of a paragraph, and verbs

Zone In

Free Write

1. Students write as many words as possible in 1 minute.
2. Write on the board the target number of words for the group (10 times the number of students). Students don't have to worry about spelling—just quantity and speed.
3. Give the keyword OCEAN. Say GO; time 1 minute. STOP.
4. Students count their words. Add everyone's total to get the total for the group. Did the group make the goal? Ask for volunteers to read their lists.

Topic

Get the meaning from reading

(Materials: **Surf It! ♦♦** and **Get The Meaning: Main Points Surf It! ♦♦**)

Introduction

When you have a reading to do, start by thinking about the topic a bit before getting into the reading. This reading is about surfing.

Ask: Has anyone ever tried surfing? Where? What do you think surfers are like? What is your stereotype of a surfer?

Activity

Distribute **Surf It! ♦♦**.

Tell students: The headings for each paragraph are missing. You will be filling them in later.

Have students read the article, then fill in the headings from the list "Headings" in Activity 1 of **Get The Meaning: Main Points Surf It! ♦♦**.

When finished, tell students to compare answers with a neighbor.

Discuss the answers (Answers: 1-c 2-e 3-a 4-d 5-b)

If there is time, tell students to fill in the verbs in Part 2 of the handout. Remind them that verbs are words of action or being. The "infinitive" is the basic form, for example, to run, to play, to feel, to be, to have. A "gerund" is often in the -ing form, for example, running, playing, feeling, having.

Have students compare answers. Review.

Answers: 1-catching 2-feel 3-to get (infinitive)
4-to be (infinitive) 5-to take (infinitive) 6-Meeting

Wrap Up

Did anyone learn anything from the article? What?



CLINIC 10 HANDOUT

SURF IT!

Surfing is one of the fastest growing sports in the world today. Surfing used to be practiced by the ancient Polynesians. Since the 1960's, anyone and everyone can go surfing.

1. _____ For some people, surfing is more of a way of life than simply a sport. Many spend their time traveling around the world looking for the perfect wave. Typically, the average surfer is a laid-back type of person. Surfers say that it is something about the art of catching waves and being out in nature which makes you feel very relaxed. British surfers travel around in VW camper vans and look a bit like hippies.
2. _____ Anywhere that has a coastline with big waves is home to surfers. Half of Australia's coastline is surfable so there are lots of Aussie surfers. Hawaii is where the sport was invented and Sunny Garcia, a champion surfer, lives there. A lot of surfers also come from California, New Zealand, and the UK.
3. _____ Get a board. Most surfers start on short boards. Long boards are only for experienced surfers catching huge waves. You also have to be a very strong swimmer: being able to swim at least 100 meters.
4. _____ If you are a beginner, beach breaks are for you! These are big waves which fall onto sand. Waves vary in size during different seasons and even at different times of the day, so watch out! Surfing can be dangerous. You need advice from someone experienced. More experienced surfers catch waves called point breaks and reef breaks away from the coast. Point breaks are waves that are bent because of the shape of the land beneath the ocean. Reef breaks are waves that are shaped by coral and rock.
5. _____ Surfing is a dangerous sport if you aren't a strong swimmer. The main thing most surfers have to worry about is their own board or other surfers' boards. Great White sharks, stingrays and deadly jellyfish are also not friendly to surfers, but running into one of these is quite rare.



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Activity 1: Headings

Match these headings to the numbered paragraphs in the article. You can write the heading on the article.

A) What to do if you want to start surfing

D) Finding the right wave

B) Dangers

E) Where they come from

C) Today's surfers

Put the letter of the heading that belongs with each paragraph.

paragraph 1 _____

paragraph 2 _____

paragraph 3 _____

paragraph 4 _____

paragraph 5 _____

Activity 2: Verbs

Write the correct form of the verb shown in parentheses. Put a check next to the sentences that use the infinitive verb. The infinitive is the basic "to" form.

_____ 1. It's something about the art of _____ (catch) waves that makes surfers feel so laid back.

_____ 2. Being out in the elements makes you _____ (feel) very relaxed.

_____ 3. If you want to start surfing you need _____ (get) a board.

_____ 4. You need _____ (be) able to swim well if you want to surf.

_____ 5. Remember _____ (take) advice from someone more experienced when you go surfing as a beginner.

_____ 6. _____ (meet) stingrays, jellyfish and sharks is very rare.